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1. JUNE 26 CAIRO PRESS REPORTS THAT QADHAAFI MET WITH SADAT FOR THREE AND A HALF HOURS ON JUNE 25 IN COMPANY OF MIN INT SALEM, RCC MEMBER AL- HUNI (FIRST MENTION IN PRESS OF HIS PRESENCE IN EGYPT), AND ASHRAF MARWAN. MEETING WAS JOINED LATER BY DR. ABDEL MUN' IM ABUL AZM, DEP CHAIRMAN OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACADEMY. APPARENTLY AFTER CONCLUSION OF MEETING, QADHAAFI MET WITH LIBYAN STUDENTS AND INAUGURATED LIBYAN STUDENTS CLUB IN ALEXANDRIA. PRESS STATES SADAT/ QADHAAFI MEETINGS WILL BE RESUMED JUNE 26 AND WILL INCLUDE EGYPTIAN TREASURY AND ECONOMIC MINISTER HEGAZY. IN
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PROBABLY RELATED DEVELOPMENT ASHRAF MARWAN REPORTEDLY DEPARTS FOR SAUDI ARABIA JUNE 26.

2. MERGER COMMITTEE MET IN CAIRO FOR FOUR HOURS JUNE 25 UNDER HATEM. NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 27.

3. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND OF APPARENT NORMALITY, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY USUALLY RELIABLE USINT SOURCE, WHO HAS CLOSE FRIEND IN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, THAT QADHAAFI' S VISIT WAS DIRECT RESULT OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN QADHAAFI AND RCC OVER ISSUE OF CULTURAL REVOLUTION. AFTER HEATED DISPUTE, QADHAAFI ARRIVED IN EGYPT BY PRIVATE AIRPLANE IN COMPANY OF HIS FATHER, WIFE, SON AND PERSONAL SERVANT. SOURCES ADDED THAT SECURITY SERVICES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE FOR VISIT BY SADAT TO MERSA MATRUH, WHERE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT PLANS TO MEET WITH RCC TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THEM AND QADHAAFI. QADHAAFI WILL REMAIN IN ALEXANDRIA TO AWAIT RESULTS OF SADAT ' S EFFORTS.

4. WHATEVER THE FACTS OF THE CASE, GOE HAS AVOIDED ANY PUBLIC INDICATION OF QADHAAFI/ RCC RIFT. EGYPTIANS ALSO APPEAR TO BELIEVE CRISIS CAN BE OVERCOME AND ARE PROCEEDING WITH MERGER PREPARATIONS.
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